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Sir:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application 09/296,285, filed April 22, 1999. **It is respectfully requested that this preliminary amendment be entered prior to calculation of the claim fees and prior to examination of this application.**

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Kindly enter the following Amendment prior to calculation of the claim fees and prior to examination of this application:

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